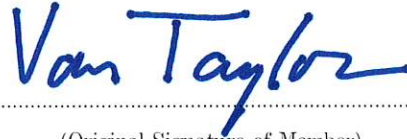


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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to recognize high schools and local educational agencies for expanding high-quality dual credit programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to recognize high schools and local educational agencies for expanding high-quality dual credit programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dual Credit Innovation
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DUAL CREDIT**
2 **INNOVATION AWARD.**

3 (a) **DUAL CREDIT PRIORITY.**—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
5 thereafter, the Secretary shall, on a competitive basis, rec-
6 ognize eligible partnerships with high-quality dual credit
7 programs with a “Dual Credit Innovation Award” which
8 shall be an award under the National Blue Ribbon Schools
9 program of the Department of Education.

10 (b) **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS.**—To be
11 eligible to be recognized under subsection (a), an eligible
12 partnership shall submit an application under the Na-
13 tional Blue Ribbon Schools program of the Department
14 of Education.

15 (c) **NON-MONETARY VALUE.**—The award and rec-
16 ognition established under this Act may not have mone-
17 tary value.

18 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

19 (1) **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM.**—The term “dual
20 credit program” means a program offered by an eli-
21 gible partnership through which a secondary school
22 student who has not graduated from high school
23 with a regular high school diploma is able to enroll
24 in one or more postsecondary courses and earn post-
25 secondary credit that—

1 (A) is transferable to the institutions of
2 higher education in the partnership; and

3 (B) applies toward completion of a degree
4 or recognized educational credential as de-
5 scribed in the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

7 (2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term “eligi-
8 ble partnership” means a partnership between—

9 (A) at least one institution of higher edu-
10 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher
11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
12 provides a dual credit program; and

13 (B) at least one—

14 (i) local educational agency (as de-
15 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary
16 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
17 U.S.C. 7801)); or

18 (ii) high school.

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Education.